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TAGS: CASC, CA (ERLANGER, STEVE)
SUBJECT: W/W: SHOOTING OF STEVE ERLANGER

REF: KELLER-DOBRENCHUK TELECON APRIL 5, 1978

1. STEVE ERLANGER, ASSISTANT FOREIGN EDITOR OF BOSTON GLOBE, WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANT AT OTTAWA HOLIDAY INN MORNING OF APRIL 5. ERLANGER WAS ATTACKED AT DOOR OF HOTEL ROOM. ATTEMPTED ROBBERY SUSPECTED BUT INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

2. ERLANGER UNDERWENT SURGERY APRIL 5 FOR WOUND IN ABDOMEN. HIS CONDITION APRIL 6 IS DESCRIBED AS FAIR AND STABLE. HE WAS IN OTTAWA PREPARING FEATURE STORY AND WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR MONTREAL WHEN SHOT.

3. EMBASSY WAS NOTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY CANADIAN CONSULATE BOSTON BASED ON TELEPHONE REPORT FROM GLOBE. CONSUL GENERAL MET ERLANGER'S WIFE AND MOTHER EVENING OF APRIL 5 AND TOOK THEM TO OTTAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL WHERE THEY WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT PATIENT IMMEDIATELY. ERLANGER WAS CONSCIOUS AND ABLE TO CONVERSE, BUT CONSUL GENERAL DID NOT QUESTION HIM CONCERNING INCIDENT AT THAT TIME.

4. CANADIAN AGENCIES, OBVIOUSLY HORRIFIED BY ATTACK ON UNCLASSIFIED

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JOURNALIST WHO HAD JUST INTERVIEWED SOME TOP OFFICIALS, HAVE BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY SOLICITOUS AND HELPFUL. HOSPITAL COOPERATION IS OUTSTANDING. EMBASSY IS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH ERLANGER FAMILY AND WITH BOSTON GLOBE.
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